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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- ☐ 4 Petition, Certification & Petition Fee Payment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)  
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- ☒ 5 A list of documents on form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document is enclosed herewith.

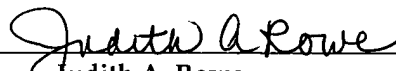
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	AG	3	1	5	3	0	0	8	10/13/1964	Fox					
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